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The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, **Box Amendment** Washington, D.C. 20231, U.S.A.

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 10, 2002, please amend this application in the following manner:

In the Claims

Claims 24, 26, 32, 33, 35 and 36 have been amended as follows:

24. (Amended) The method of claim 21 wherien said first nucleic acid molecule and said at least one additional nucleic acid molecule are assembled in a plasmid vector having the identifying characteristics of plasmid JB-3145-1 as shown in Figure 10.

26. (Amended) The method of claim 17 wherein said first nucleic acid molecule encodes the mature form of the non-proteolytic analog.

32. (Amended) The method of claim 31 wherein said first nucleic acid molecule and said at least one additional nucleic acid molecule are assembled in a plasmid vector having the identifying characteristics of plasmid DS-2342-2-2 as seen in Figure 5.